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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

CATHY A. CATTERSON, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

JAGTAR SINGH,

Petitioner,

v.

PETER D. KEISLER,** Acting Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 05-74543

Agency No. A77-843-923

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted September 24, 2007***

Before: CANBY, TASHIMA, and RAWLINSON, Circuit Judges.

Jagtar Singh, a native and citizen of India, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") decision affirming the Immigration Judge's

^{*} This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

^{**} Peter D. Keisler is substituted for his predecessor, Alberto R. Gonzales, as Acting Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 43(c)(2).

This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

("IJ") denial of his application for asylum, withholding of removal, and relief under the Convention Against Torture ("CAT"). We review for substantial evidence, *Singh v. Ilchert*, 63 F.3d 1501, 1506 (9th Cir. 1995), and we dismiss in part, grant and remand in part, and deny in part.

We lack jurisdiction to review the IJ's and BIA's determination that Singh's asylum application was untimely, or whether changed circumstances excused the untimely filing, because it is based on disputed facts. *See Ramadan v. Gonzales*, 479 F.3d 646, 650, 656-57 (9th Cir. 2007). Accordingly, we dismiss the petition as to Singh's asylum claim.

We have jurisdiction over the remaining claims under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. Because the "BIA's decision is silent on the issue of credibility, despite [the] IJ's explicit adverse credibility finding, we . . . presume that the BIA found [Singh] to be credible." *Krotova v. Gonzales*, 416 F.3d 1080, 1084 (9th Cir. 2005).

Substantial evidence does not support the IJ's and BIA's finding that Singh failed to show that the harm he experienced occurred on account of a protected ground, because Singh established that his second and third arrests were motivated, at least in part, by a protected ground. *See Singh*, 63 F.3d at 1509.

Because the IJ's and BIA's past persecution finding is not supported by substantial evidence, *see id.*, and a finding of past persecution gives rise to a presumption of eligibility for withholding of removal, *see Kataria v. INS*, 232 F.3d

1107, 1115 (9th Cir. 2000), we grant the petition for review with regard to Singh's claim for withholding of removal, and remand for further proceedings consistent with this disposition. *See INS v. Ventura*, 537 U.S. 12, 16-18 (per curiam).

Because Singh failed to show that it is more likely than not that he will be tortured if removed to India, substantial evidence supports the IJ's and BIA's denial of CAT relief. *See Singh v. Gonzales*, 439 F.3d 1100, 1113 (9th Cir. 2006).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DISMISSED in part, GRANTED and REMANDED in part, and DENIED in part.